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TBM “Bhavani” Breakthrough at RK Salai station

Chennai Metro Rail Limited is in the process of implementing the much anticipated Phase 2 project across Chennai City in full swing with three corridors for a total length of 118.9 km.

The Phase 2 Project has achieved another major milestone in Corridor-3 with the successful breakthrough of the Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) 'Bhavani' at RK Salai Station. This completes a distance of 910 meters of tunneling work between Royapettah Station and RK Salai Station.

The breakthrough was witnessed by Thiru. T. Archunan, Director (Projects), CMRL, in the presence of, General Managers, CMRL Thiru. Anto Jos Menachery (Underground), Thiru. Ravichandran (Underground), Consultant Team Leader Thiru. Tony Burchell, Thiru. Jayarama (Project Director - L&T), Thiru. Ahmet (Project Manager - L&T), and other officials and staff of CMRL, L&T Ltd., and General Consultants were present during the event.

The tunnel construction is being executed by M/s Larsen & Tubro Ltd. The tunnels pass below Royapettah high road and Peters Bridge and Heritage building of Royapettah eye hospital with an overburden of 8-14m above the tunnel. The TBM have passed geological conditions like silty sand & clay. This is the 5th TBM breakthrough in TU02 contract. Another two TBMs from Greenways road station have reached Mandaveli and targeted breakthroughs in this month and next month.

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